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7	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DOCKET NO. T-20741A-16-0088 MIDVALE TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. FOR		
8	THE ESTABLISHMENT OF JUST AND) NOTICE OF FILING REASONABLE RATES FOR ITS YOUNG)		
9	EXCHANGE AND FOR A DETERMINATION OF THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS UTILITY		
10	PROPERTY IN ITS YOUNG EXCHANGE.		
11	Midvale Telephone Company, Inc. files the attached affidavit of mailing demonstrating		
12	mailing of notice in accordance with the Procedural Orders issued in this docket.		
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14	RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 24 day of May, 2016.		
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20	HOCKETED BY 400 East Van Buren Street Phoenix, Arizona 85004		
21	Attorney for Midvale Telephone Company		
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23	Original and thirteen service of the forestine		
24	Original and thirteen copies of the foregoing filed this 24 day of May, 2016, with:		
25	Docket Control		
26	Arizona Corporation Commission 1200 West Washington Street Phoenix Arizona \$5007		
27	Phoenix, Arizona 85007		
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1	Copy of the foregoing hand-delivered/mailed this 24th day of May, 2016, to:
2	Sasha Paternoster
3	Administrative Law Judge Hearing Division
4	Arizona Corporation Commission 1200 West Washington
5	Phoenix, Arizona 85007
6	Janice M. Alward, Chief Counsel
7	Legal Division Arizona Corporation Commission
8	1200 West Washington Street Phoenix, Arizona 85007
9	Thomas Broderick, Director Utilities Division
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State of Idaho)
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- I, Missy Harrison, being first dully sworn upon my oath, do state as follows:
 - 1.) I am over 18 years of age and have personal knowledge of the matters set forth in this affidavit
 - 2.) I am currently employed by MTE Communications as the Customer Service Manager.
 - 3.) My business address is 2205 Keithley Creek Rd., Midvale, ID 83645.
 - 4.) I have direct knowledge and responsibility for the notice provided to MTE Communication's customers, which is referenced below.
 - 5.) On May 24th, 2016, MTE Communications, Inc. sent each residential and business customer in its Young, AZ service area, a copy of the attached "Public Notice on the Hearing of the Application of Midvale Telephone Company, Inc. for an Increase in its rates and charges", pursuant to the requirements of Arizona Administration Code Section R14-2-103 in connection with Docket No. T-20741A-16-0088. This notice was sent via standard US mail on May 24, 2016.

Further Affiant sayeth not.

Missy Harrison

SUSCRIBED and sworn to before me this

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

MARY CATHERINE LAKEY Notary Public State of Idaho



2205 Keithley Creek Road P.O. Box 7 Midvale ID 83645 208.355.2211 Fax 208.355.2222

PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF MIDVALE TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. FOR AN INCREASE IN ITS RATES AND CHARGES (Docket No. T-20741A-16-0088)

On March 8, 2016, Midvale Telephone Company, Inc. ("Midvale" or "Company") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") §40-250 and Arizona Administrative Code ("A.A.C.") R14-2-103, an application for an increase in its residential monthly access rates for its Young Exchange in order to compensate for the floor requirements established by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"). Midvale requests that the Commission approve a residential rate increase to \$20.00, effective June 1, 2017, and to \$21.22, effective June 1, 2018.

On November 18, 2011, the FCC issued a comprehensive new Order. Among other things, the FCC's Order establishes that in the order for the Company to continue receiving federal support funds, the Company's local residential monthly service rates must be increased to the floor rates. The FCC determines the floor rate annually. If the Company's rates are not increased to the floor rate, the amount of the federal support funds the Company receives will be reduced dollar-for-dollar for each customer by the difference between the existing local rate and the new FCC floor rate.

The Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") is in the process of analyzing the Company's application, and has not yet made any recommendations regarding the Company's proposed rates. The Commission will determine the appropriate relief to be granted based on the evidence presented by the parties at an evidentiary hearing. The Commission is not bound by the proposals made by the Company, Staff, or any intervenors. Therefore, the final rates approved by the Commission may be higher or lower than the rates requested by the Company.

How You Can View or Obtain a Copy of the Rate Application

Copies of the application and proposed rates are available by contacting Midvale Telephone Company at 1-800-462-4523, at the Commission's Docket Control Center at 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007, for the public inspection during regular business hours, and on the Internet via the Commission's website (www.azec.gov) using e-Docket function and Docket No. T-20741A-16-0088.

Arizona Corporation Commission Public Hearing Information

The Commission will hold a hearing on this matter beginning August 30, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., at the Commission's offices, Hearing Room No. 2, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona. Public comments will be taken at the beginning of the hearing.

Written public comments may be submitted by mailing a letter referencing **Docket No. T-20741A-16-0088** to: Arizona Corporation Commission, Consumer Services Section, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007, or by submitting comments on the Commission's website (www.azec.gov) using the "Submit a Public Comment for a Utility" function. If you require assistance, you may contact the Consumer Services Section at 602.542.4251 or 1.800.222.7000.

About Intervention

The law provides for an open public hearing at which, under appropriate circumstances, interested persons may intervene. An interested person may be granted intervention if the outcome of the case will directly and

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substantially impact the person, and the person's intervention will not unduly broaden the issues in the case. Intervention, among other things, entitles a party to present sworn evidence at the hearing and to cross-examine other parties' witnesses. However, failure to intervene will not preclude any person or entity from appearing at the hearing and providing public comment on the application or from filing written comments in the record of the case.

To request intervention, you must file an original and 13 hard copies of a written request to intervene with Docket Control, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007, no later than June 28, 2016. You also must serve a copy of the request to intervene on each party of record, on the same day that you file the request to intervene with the Commission. Information about intervention and sample intervention requests are available on the Commission's website (www.azcc.gov) using the "Intervention in Utility Cases" link.

Your request to intervene must contain the following:

- 1. Your name, address, and telephone number, and the name, address, and telephone number of any person upon whom service of documents is to be made, if not yourself:
- 2. A reference to Docket No. T-20741A-16-0088;
- 3. A short statement explaining:
 - a. Your interest in the proceeding (e.g., a customer of the Company, etc.),
 - b. How you will be directly and substantially affected by the outcome of the case, and
 - c. Why your intervention will not unduly broaden the issues in the cases;
- 4. A statement certifying that you have served a copy of the request to intervene on the utility or its attorney and all other parties of record in the case; and
- 5. If you are not represented by an attorney who is an active member of the Arizona State Bar, and you are not representing yourself as an individual, sufficient information and any appropriate documentation to demonstrate compliance with the Arizona Supreme Court Rules 31, 38, 39, and 42, as possible.

The granting of motions to intervene shall be governed by A.A.C. R14-3-105, except that <u>all motions to intervene</u> <u>must be filed on or before June 28, 2016</u>. If representation by counsel is required by Arizona Supreme Court Rule 31, intervention will be conditioned upon the intervenor obtaining counsel to represent the intervenor.

ADA/Equal Access Information

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to its public meetings. Persons with a disability may request reasonable accommodations such as a sign language interpreter, as well as request this document in an alternative format, by contacting the ADA Coordinator, Shaylin Bernal, Email sabernal@azcc.gov, voice phone number 602-542-3931. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accoummodations.